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AIRLINE PASSENGER TRAFFIC UP 6.5 PER CENT IN 1983

WASHINGTON, D.C., January 17--Domestic and international scheduled airline traffic increased 6.5 per cent in preliminary results for 1983, the Air Transport Association reported today.

Domestic air traffic in 1983 was also up 6.5 per cent and international traffic increased 6.3 per cent, compared with 1982.

Passenger traffic increased 4.4 per cent for December 1983 over the same month a year previously.

In domestic service, revenue passenger miles increased 3.1 per cent from December of 1982. Passenger load factor for the month was 55.7 per cent, compared with 57.9 per cent in the prior year.

In international service, revenue passenger miles in December increased 12.1 per cent from December 1982. Passenger load factor was 59.7 per cent, compared with 59.4 per cent.

The load factor for 1982, including both domestic and international operations, was 60.3 per cent, compared with 59.0 per cent in 1982.

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